

### REMARKS

In reply to the Office Action of July 9, 2004, independent claim 1 has been amended to more clearly point out and more distinctly claim the Applicants' invention. Claims 2-8, which had been originally drawn dependent on independent claim 1, have further been amended to correct the informalities as indicated by the office action. All of claims 1 through 8 remain in the application. Claims 9-15 have further been added to claim that the spring contact assembly includes at least one elongated element with an ear portion near the top thereof.

Applicants hereby request reconsideration of all claims, in view of these amendments and the remarks which follow.

#### Amended Claims 1-3, 5-8

The Office Action states that Claims 3-5 stand objected to and would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under U.S.C. 112, second paragraph and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 6-8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 3-5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. More specifically, the Office Action states that it was not clear whether "the side wall" in line 4 of Claim 3 is the same element as "a side wall portion" recited in line 3. The Examiner will appreciate that Applicants have amended dependent claim 3 herein to more distinctly claim the invention. Applicants have further amended claim 3 to correct the antecedent basis of "the end portion of" the chassis element. Applicants have deleted this "the

end portion of” language as this limitation is not required, but is rather an aspect of the present invention wherein the equipment chassis is secured to the side wall portion.

Applicants have further amended independent claim 1 to include some of the limitations of dependent claim 3 such that the connection element has a trough portion which fits around a side wall portion of the chassis. Applicants submit that the limitation “wherein the trough portion fit around a *bottom edge* of the side wall portion of the equipment chassis” of original claim 3 is not required, but is rather an aspect of the present invention. As specifically stated on page 5, lines 32-33, “the side wall 58 basically fits into the trough portion of the connection element between the respective longitudinal sides.” Moreover, “Figure 4 shows one way of attaching the connection element of the present invention to the equipment chassis.” Page 5, lns. 28-29. Therefore, from the specification, it is contemplated that it is only necessary that the trough portion fit around a side wall portion of the chassis as claimed in currently amended independent claim 1.

*Amended claim 4, Newly added claims 9-15*

The Office Action states that Claims 3-5 stand objected to and would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under U.S.C. 112, second paragraph and if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Examiner will appreciate that the original dependent claim 4 has been rewritten in independent form to include the limitation wherein the spring contact assembly includes at least one elongated element. Applicants submit that the limitation “wherein the spring contact assembly includes two elongated elements with ear portions” of original claim 4 is not required, but is rather an aspect of the present invention wherein the spring contact assembly includes at

least one elongated element. Dependent claim 4 has further been amended to broaden the limitation wherein the spring contact assembly includes at least one elongated element.

Applicant therefore respectfully requests allowance of all claims. In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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